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REFERENCE TO PRIORITY DOCUMENT

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/259,397 entitled "System and Method for Evaluating Apnea Risk" by Westbrook *et al.*, filed December 29, 2000 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/304,391 entitled "Sleep Apnea Risk Evaluation" by Levendowski *et al.*, filed July 9, 2001. The disclosures of these Provisional Patent Applications are hereby incorporated by reference.